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MAYOR STRATTON ACCEPTS \$15,000 CHECK FROM
VERIZON FOR RECREATIONAL & EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS AT CITY'S QUACKENBUSH POOL

Verizon Grant Supports City's Successful Partnership With Boys and Girls Clubs of Schenectady for Swimming and Educational Programs at Pool

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Brian U. Stratton today accepted a \$15,000 check from Verizon on behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Schenectady for its continued operation of the city's Quackenbush Park Pool and a range of ongoing swimming and educational programs the agency has provided at the pool throughout the summer.

“On behalf of the City of Schenectady, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Schenectady, and the hundreds of boys and girls and their families who have enjoyed the Quackenbush Pool this summer, I want to thank Verizon for its generous support of our swimming and educational program,” Mayor Stratton said.

Mayor Stratton said for the second consecutive year, under a cooperative agreement by the City of Schenectady and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Schenectady, the Quackenbush Pool is being run by the Boys and Girls Clubs, which provides lifeguards, learn-to-swim programs for children and adults and educational enrichment programs.

David Lamdendola of the Verizon State Government Relations office in Albany made the check presentation to Mayor Stratton and to officials from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Schenectady.

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Tom Ciancetta, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Schenectady, said “The Quackenbush Park and Pool program simply could not be successful without the continued cooperation and support of Mayor Stratton, the City of Schenectady and, of course, Verizon. We thank Verizon for its generous support, and for making possible the delivery of a great and needed recreational and educational program.”

Ciancetta said the \$15,000 grant will help to offset the agency’s annual costs of providing educational programming to swimmers and families. Those programs have included learn-to-swim, synchronized swimming, health and nutrition programs, and sports instruction.

Mayor Stratton said other partners at Quackenbush including the Schenectady Inner City Ministry and GE volunteers, who have worked to provide a lunch each day for our kids. In addition, the 15-Love Tennis Program provides weekly lessons for children, and the Hamilton Hill Arts Center offers music programs several days each week at the pool..

The cooperative efforts of Schenectady Weed and Seed, Community Probation Officer Program, Schenectady Police Department and the Schenectady Sheriffs Department and the Mont Pleasant Action Coalition have also been of tremendous support.

“It is because of this cooperation that the beneficiaries of the program are the community’s children who now have increased opportunities for a fun, safe program with adult guidance and instruction and of course the neighbors who now have a positive neighborhood atmosphere and opportunities for family activities,” Tom Ciancetta added.